



**Oklahoma Occupational
Therapy Association**

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Dear Occupational Therapy Practitioner or Student:

What a great time it is for **occupational therapy** in the State of Oklahoma! OOTA is 42 years old -- we have a rich history and a bright future. July 1 begins the **2009-2010 membership year**, and the cost of belonging to our Association is affordable. Last year, we decreased dues up to 50% matching dues in our region. OOTA membership offers benefits available no where else.

Here are a few things that we accomplished this past year.

- OOTA annual conference procedures notebook
- Filed initial form 990 with IRS to maintain not-for-profit status
- Membership drives at 4 OT / OTA educational programs in the state
- Electronic balloting for 2009 election
- Redesigned and updated OOTA website
- Hired a website manager
- Obtained Directors and Officers (newly termed Association Professional) Liability Insurance
- OT Month projects at Daily Living Center in OKC and OASIS in Tulsa
- Two Continuing Education offerings and the annual conference in Oklahoma City covering all 6 AOTA Centennial Vision practice areas : Mental Health, Productive Aging, Children and Youth, Health and Wellness, Work and Industry and Rehabilitation, Disability, and Participation
- Annual Report to membership based on OOTA Strategic Plan
- OOTA Strategic Plan on ASAP Sharepoint
- Contributed to legislative efforts : SB546 Licensure for Therapeutic Recreational Specialists – still in process for this legislative session and SB971 Professional Development Release time for Related Services legislation – on hold for this legislative session and will be introduced onto the House floor this fall
- Co-sponsored with OUHSC a workshop with Renee Taylor and Gary Kielhofner March 28, 2009- rescheduled for OOTA annual conference 2009

Here are just a few that you can look forward to this year.

- Oklahoma promotion of the new AOTA brand **“Living Life To Its Fullest”** (see www.aota.org)
- Oklahoma fulfillment of the AOTA Centennial Vision (see www.aota.org)
- Quarterly **newsletters** with information about what is happening throughout the state regarding our occupational therapy profession..
- Continuing education events with **discounts** for OOTA members.
- Outreach efforts to promote **more coverage of occupational therapy** in the media.
- April **OT Month activities**.
- An expanded **partnership with Rebuilding Together**.
- September **Back Pack Awareness** events.
- An **exciting annual conference with local and international speakers** in Tulsa on October 2-3, with a focus on opportunities to network with other OT clinicians, share skills and experience, with significant discounts for OOTA members!

We hope we can **count on you to keep our association vital and strong**. We continue working hard to maintain a dynamic organization of which we all can be proud. **Our membership year begins on July 1**. Please send in the enclosed form with your payment or renew online at www.okota.org, so that we can count you as a valuable member.

Sincerely,

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President, OOTA